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News and Notes from the
Fellowship Offices

Keeping in Touch

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JULY

TOP 20 TITHES
received by Aug. 15th 1984
(In Amount Given)

MCC Dallas - TX	$2003.62
MCC of the Resurrection - Houston TX	1797.75
MCC Long Beach - CA	1089.59
MCC in the Valley - N. Hollywood, CA	807.99
Church of the Holy Spirit MCC - Ft. Ldl., FL	717.25
MCC of Greater St. Louis - MO	691.39
Christ Chapel MCC - Santa Ana, CA	688.34
MCC Los Angeles - CA	669.92
Agape MCC of Ft. Worth - TX	653.31
MCC Seattle - WA	581.99
MCC Washington - DC	510.53
MCC Albuquerque - NM	446.51
MCC San Antonio - TX	401.86
Christ the King MCC - Oklahoma, OK	350.03
MCC San Jose - CA	338.62
MCC Mid-Cities - Arlington, TX	318.64
MCC Columbus - OH	284.80
MCC Dayton Parish - OH	231.31
MCC of Northern Virginia - Oakton, VA	230.37
MCC of Corpus Christi - TX	194.49

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(Per Capita)

Christ Chapel MCC - Santa Ana, CA	$25.49
St. Joan of Arc MCC - Charleston, SC	19.60
MCC of Greater St. Louis - MO	18.94
MCC of Corpus Christi - TX	17.84
MCC Long Beach - CA	17.63
MCC Illiamo - Quincy, IL	14.91
Diablo Valley MCC - Concord, CA	14.83
Pensacola MCC - FL	13.92
Trinity MCC - New York City, NY	13.89
Esudus MCC of Abilene - TX	13.85
Agape MCC of Ft. Worth - TX	13.75
Divine Redeemer MCC - Glendale, CA	13.33
MCC of Birmingham - AL	13.29
MCC Albuquerque - NM	12.83
MCC of Northern Virginia - Oakton, VA	12.59
MCC Harrisburg - PA	12.54
MCC Mid-Cities - Arlington, TX	12.40
MCC Omaha - NE	12.39
MCC Dallas - TX	12.06
MCC San Jose - CA	12.01

* * * PRAISES * * *

-As MCC-Washington, D.C. left their home of 11 years and marched to their new Church building, some were apprehensive about how the large crowd of worshipers would be received in their new neighborhood. As they drew near, a banner greeted them: "Welcome to the neighborhood, MCC!" We think it must be a first!

-For two new Church Groups in the Mid-Atlantic District: "Emmanuel MCC" in Wilmington, Delaware and "Disciples MCC" in Washington, D.C.

-Reverend Bruce Hill has been elected Pastor of MCC-Atlanta, Georgia. Congratulations!

-St. Joan of Arc MCC (Charleston, SC) recently dedicated their new sanctuary and Rectory. Charleston's first woman Episcopal priest, Rev. Connie Belmore was an honored guest, plus priests from St. Phillip & Luke's Cathedral.

-Reverend Stan Harris and Reverend David Kromer give thanks for the 7th anniversary of their Holy Union on September 27th.

-Praises for the beginnings of a new Church in Tijuana, Mexico!

-Reverend Marilyn Marr and Brenda Gordon are getting settled in their new home in Anchorage, Alaska. Marilyn reports that it is a big adjustment as they moved from Tampa, Florida and already there is "termination dust" (snow) in the mountains surrounding Anchorage. Prayers are coveted for MCC-Anchorage's new beginnings. Reverend Troy Perry was on hand for this year's annual retreat.

-Reverend Brent Hawkes, members and staff of MCC-Toronto, Reverend Nancy Radclyffe, Reverend Dennis Chappelle, Reverend Tom Jordan, Reverend Fred Pattison and others converged on Garden Grove, California recently to attend Schuller's Institute. All reported high energy and enthusiasm for the program and MCC's reception.

-Rev. Larry Whitsell has been elected pastor of MCC Diablo Valley, Concord, CA.

-Rev. Ron Bergeron, District Coordinator of the Eastern Canadian District and pastor of MCC Ottawa has been invited by Archbishop Plourde of Ottawa to be an official quest at the Papal Mass to be celebrated in Ottawa September 20th, as part of an ecumenical group welcoming Pope John Paul II to Canada.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Elder Freda Smith and Kathleen Meadows would like to thank everyone for their prayers, love and expressions of concern during Kathleen's recuperation. Kathleen had a mild heart attack in mid-August, and is making a superb recovery. Both of them wanted to convey their appreciation for being part of such a wonderful family.

REVISED EDITION OF THE CLERGY MANUAL

The 1984 revised edition of The Clergy Manual will be available October 1 from the UFMCC Clergy Credentials and Concerns Committee (CCCC). Included are clarifications about active and inactive status for clergy, de facto resignation, and transfer of credentials. The Clergy Manual sells for $10 (payable in U.S. funds to CCCC) and should be ordered from The Rev. Claudia Vierra, Chair of CCCC, 1015 E. Jefferson, Boise, ID 83712. All UFMCC clergy and those seeking clergy credentials should have a copy of this manual. Persons who bought the 1983 edition can order the new updated pages free of charge.

NEW CORRESPONDENCE COURSE FOR BIBLE PROFICIENCY EXAM

Samaritan Extended Studies and CCCC have been cooperating in developing a Bible survey correspondence course that may be taken in preparation for the Bible proficiency exam (required for licensing) or in lieu of the exam (if taken for credit and passed). The new course, Understanding the Bible, will be ready in September. For more information and enrollment form, contact Samaritan Extended Studies, Box 820, West Hartford, CT 06107. This new 3-credit course should not be confused with the already existent Samaritan correspondence course, What Is the Bible? (1 credit). The tuition for Understanding the Bible is $150, and the textbook, Abingdon Bible Handbook, is $20 (payable in U.S. funds to Samaritan Extended Studies). Students who desire the course materials only (no credit or grading of test) to prepare for the exam will be charged only $50, plus the textbook.

UFMCC Polity is already available as a Samaritan correspondence course and may be taken in preparation for the Polity proficiency exam or in lieu of it. This 1-credit course costs $50.

Persons applying for initial license in March 1985 must have completed any correspondence courses taken in lieu of exams by February 1.

THANKS FOR STEWARDSHIP PROJECT GIFTS

The following MCC congregations have donated a total of $1080 to Samaritan Extended Studies for the development of a stewardship program for local churches: Church of the Holy Spirit MCC (Des Moines, Iowa); MCC Dallas (Dallas, Texas); Christ MCC (Miami, Florida); MCC Tampa (Tampa, Florida); MCC St. Louis (St. Louis, Missouri); MCC in the Valley (North Hollywood, California); and the Northeast District. This initial seed money is being used by a committee to put together GOOD NEWS: A STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM FOR MCC CONGREGATIONS, and to offer this program as a pilot project in the Northeast District during the fourth quarter of 1984. It will become available to the rest of the Fellowship in 1985.

RESUMES REQUESTED

The Board of Elders, in keeping with the mandate of General Conference, is looking at resumes for additional appointments to the Fellowship Finance Committee from qualified Third World persons.

The Fellowship Finance Committee meets at least once per year and at General Conferences to oversee the budget process for the Fellowship. Please include all information that would be relevant. If you have any questions feel free to call Elder Michael Mank (415) 648-6006 or Elder Nancy Wilson (213) 464-5100.

1985 CLERGY CONFERENCE UPDATE

The 1985 Clergy Conference will be January 24-27 (Thursday noon to Sunday noon) at Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge, Winter Park, Orlando, FL. Theme--Strength and Support--focus--Clergy needs. Guest resource persons will be Joe Bottorff and Rusty Moe of Options of Indianapolis, who will lead participants in The Personal Profile (an instrument for understanding oneself and how one works and interacts) and in personal/spiritual growth exercises. Other conference activities include colleague sharing, trust-building, resource/program sharing, ad hoc workshops on expressed needs, worship services, fun, etc. Total cost per person from $180 to $240 which includes nine meals, conference registration, The Personal Profile, and scholarship help. Set the dates aside now!

REV. BOB ARTHUR LOVING ENGLAND

Bob reports that he has fallen in love with England and its people. In fact, he has been surprised by how little homesickness he has experienced (aside from missing friends and his Church family at Long Beach, CA).

Bob is currently being supported by a handful of Fellowship Churches in the Southwest District. He hopes to be able to continue his ministry there for quite some time. In England, the support of just a few churches for a one year period has made an incredible difference. We now have a healthy, strong, growing church in Birmingham and have doubled the ministeral leadership in Europe. We have laid the groundwork for a new district to form (there is talk of England and Denmark becoming a district) and outreach into the rest of Europe is blossoming.

The support for Bob ends in December of this year. Clearly his work is not finished yet and the Birmingham church is not yet quite able to handle paying a full time pastor.

We need some new churches to come forward to support this pioneering experiment for another year's commitment. We would be delighted if some churches renewed their funding as well. We would also like to look forward to finding support for other pastors to go to Europe.

If your church would like to receive the blessings of sharing the liberating message of Jesus Christ through MCC, write to:

Rev. C. Jane Carl
World Church Extension Ministry
c/o MCC of the Pamona Valley
508 S. Euclid Ave.
Ontario, CA 91761

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* * * MONTHLY REPORT FORMS * * *

Please note the following procedure which should be followed for sending the Monthly Report Forms (ie Tithing forms):

(1) White Copy - to UFMCC office
(2) Yellow Copy - for the local Church
(3) Pink Copy - for the District Coordinator or Coordinator of Church Ext.

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